MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Immediately they are shifted there will be complaints that the officers should be brought back again.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I ask whether the Minor Irrigation Department as at present constituted does not function properly?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Is the member asking the Chief Engineer's opinion?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Yes, the opinion of Government from the Chief Engineer.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Is it not a matter of opinion?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether the Irrigation Department is functioning well?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes, it is.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know from the member whether there is any necessity for revising the Minor Irrigation Rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have answered the member the same question yesterday or the day before yesterday.

PRESIDENT: There is no use in asking the same questions over and over again.

The Coffee Cess Committee.

262. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Travancore also is a member on the Coffee Cess Committee;

(*b*) whether Travancore was represented at the Coffee Cess Committee meeting held in Bangalore on 23-11-1935; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The approval of the appointment of the State Director of Agriculture as a member of the Coffee Cess Committee was not received from the India Government early enough to enable him to attend the meeting of the Committee.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the Travancore Government requested the Government of India for the approval of the appointment of the State Agricultural Director as a member of the Coffee Cess Committee?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the date?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Travancore Government addressed the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States, on the 19th of October 1935.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member why the Travancore Government did not apply early enough to get their approval in proper time?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Travancore Government got a letter from the Government of India enquiring whether this Government would nominate a member on the Committee. I do not think there was any avoidable delay between the receipt of that letter and the despatch of this Government's letter to the Agent to the Governor-General.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the objects for which the Coffee Cess Committee has been constituted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It must be for the development of coffee cultivation in India.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the total area under coffee cultivation in Travancore?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether Travancore is importing or exporting coffee?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably she is importing. I am not sure. The information is contained in the trade statistics published in the Statistical Volume. It will give that information.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member why they did not publish in their Administration Report for 1110 the total area under coffee cultivation as they have done in respect of other cultivations?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Compared with other crops, coffee is a minor crop in Travancore. There are ever so many other minor crops the area of which has not been published in the Administration Report.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether at least by this time the Government has got the proceedings of the business transacted at the Coffee Cess Committee meeting held in Bangalore on 23-11-1935?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not received any report of the proceedings of that conference.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether Travancore was represented in any of the meetings of the Coffee Cess Committee?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no meeting subsequent to the one held on 23-11-'35

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